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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DULUTH ACCORDINAIRES

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1. JOHN COPISEY, DIRECTOR, DULUTH ACCORDIONAIRES, HAS ASKED EMBASSY MOSCOW TO FIND OUT WHY HIS PROPOSED TOUR OF YUGOSLAVIA AND USSR IS NOW SNAGGED. HIS GROUP DUE TO LEAVE US APRIL 27 ON INVITATION FROM MR. CANAK RADE (DIRECTOR, TRAVEL DEPARTMENT OF YUGOSLAV YOUTH & STUDENTS, MOSE PIJADE 12/1, BELGRADE). MR. RADE HAS TOLD COPISEY HIS ORGANIZATION IS ARRANGING USSR PROGRAM AS WELL AS YUGOSLAV TOUR.

2. CONGRESSMAN JOHN BLATNIK (MINN.) ALSO HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEM.

3. WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHAT SOVIET ORGANIZATION RADE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH. COULD YOU CONTACT RADE'S ORGANIZATION AND DETERMINE (A) CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT, (B) IDENTITY OF SOVIET ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED, AND (C) RADE'S RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE HERE TO FACILITATE TOUR.

4. RADE HAS INFORMED COPISEY THAT ENTIRE TOUR DEPENDS ON WHETHER SOVIET ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. ACCORDING TO LETTER, ACCORDIONAIRES MADE SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF YUGOSLAVIA IN 1972.

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